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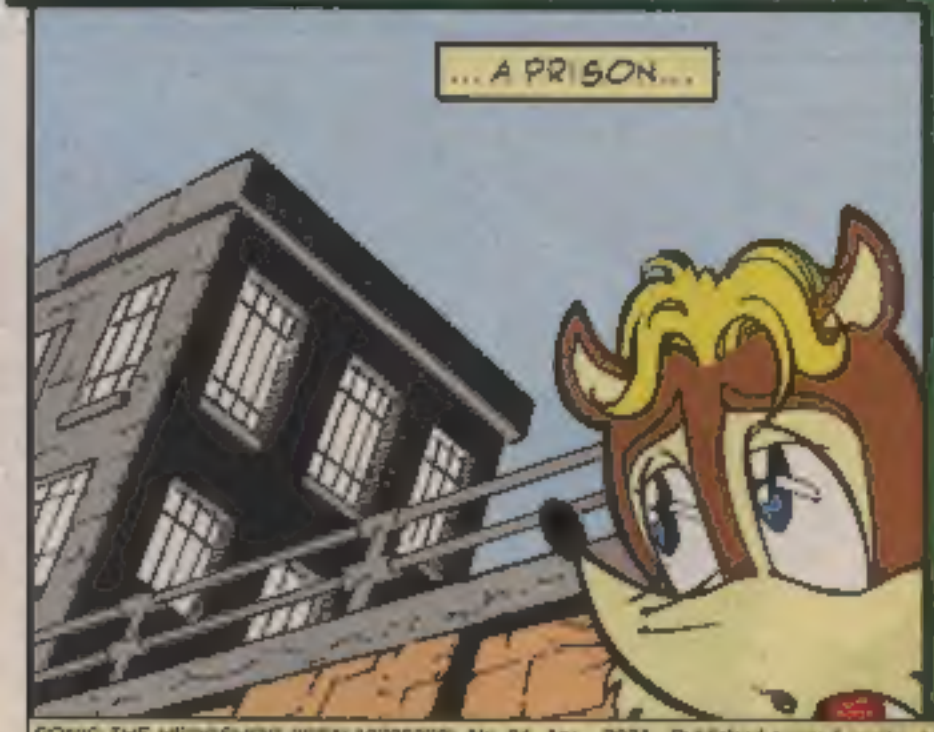

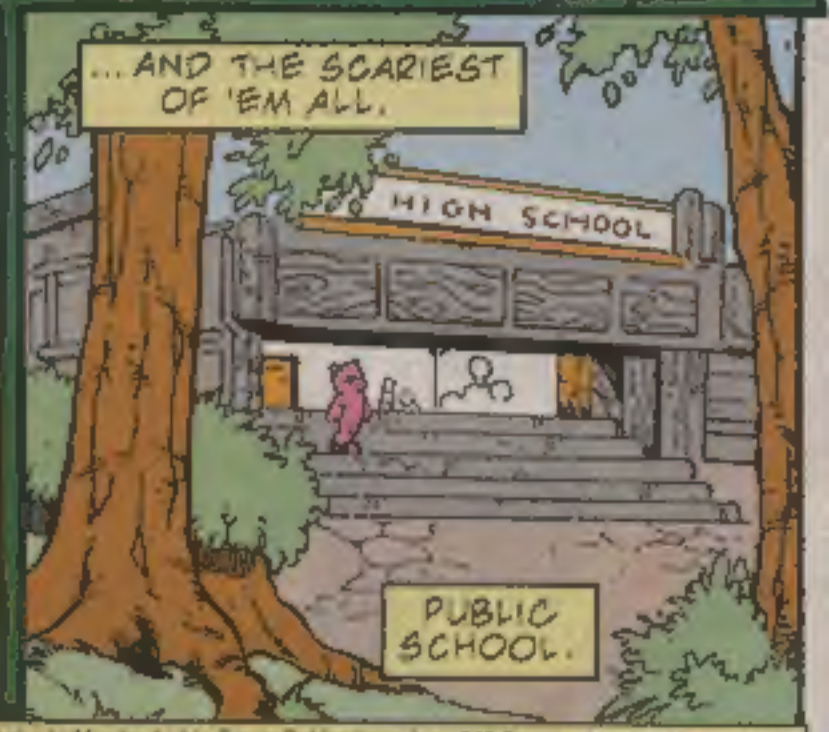

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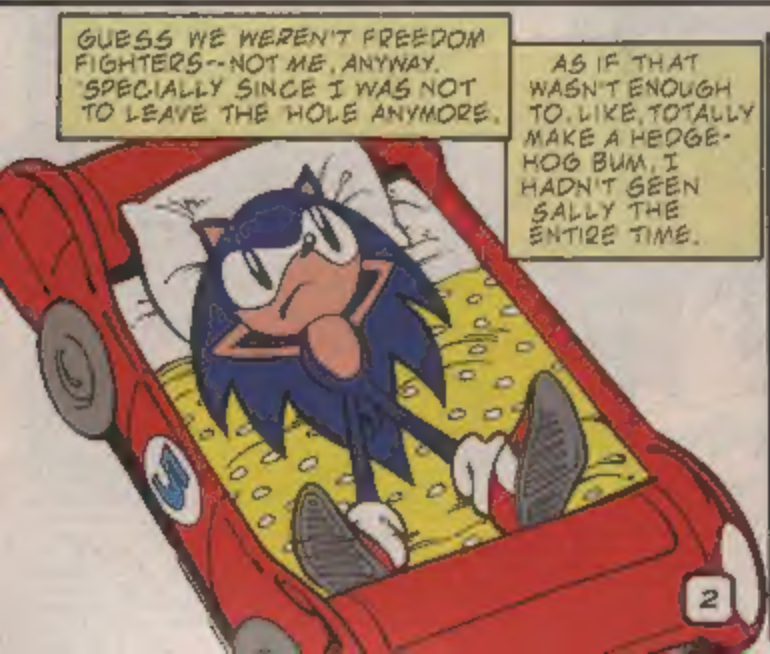
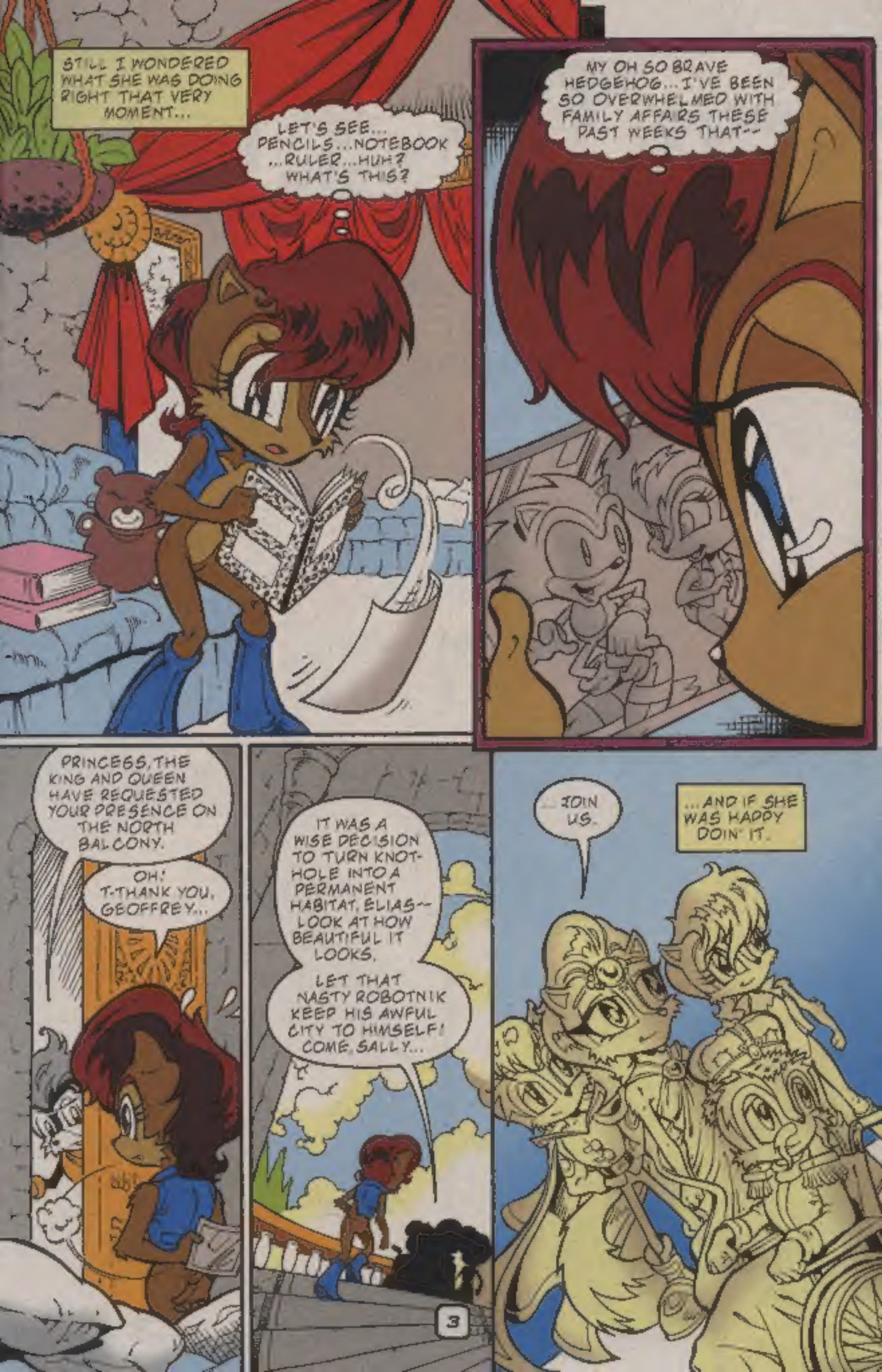
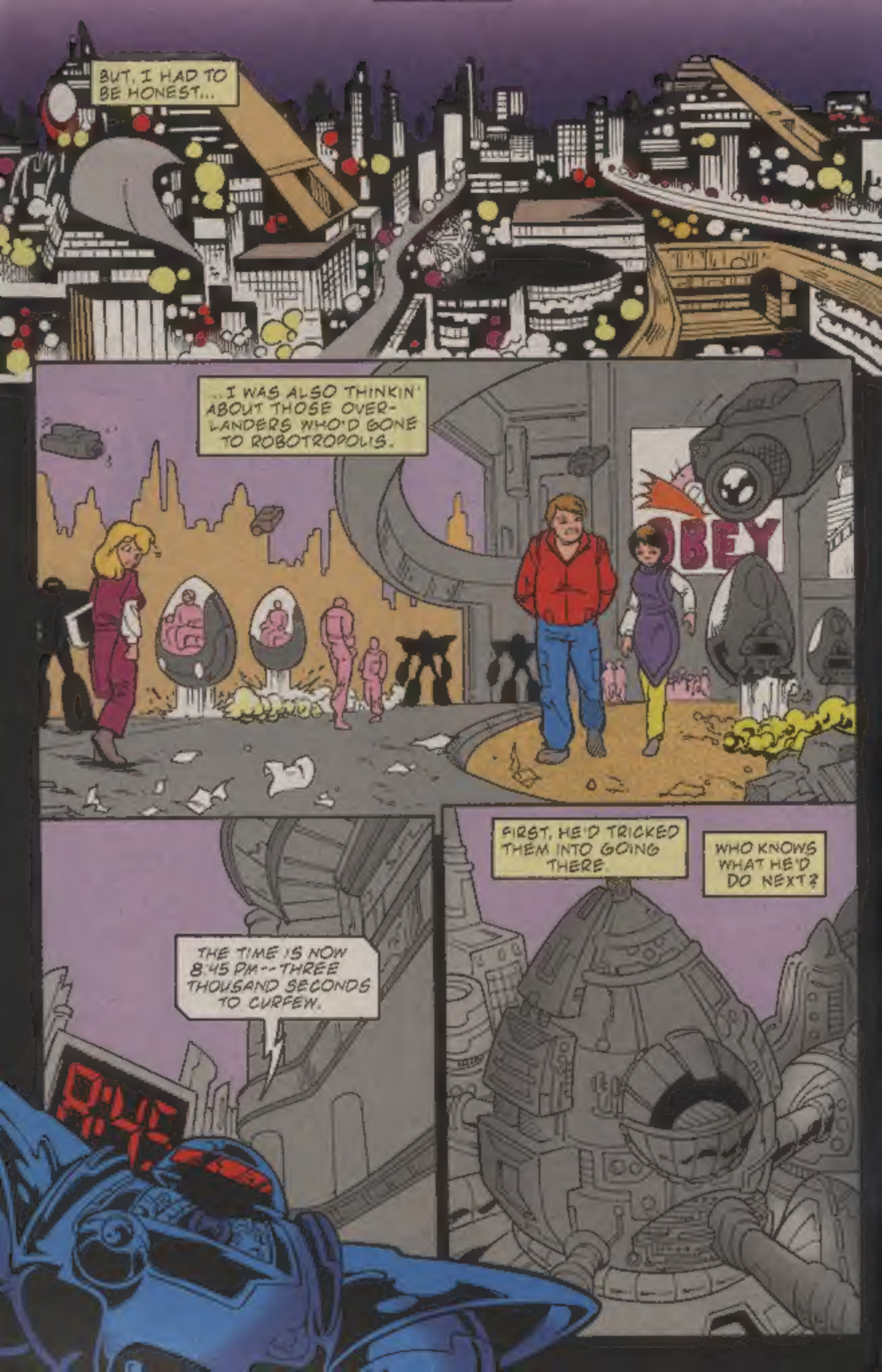



STILL I WONDERED WHAT SHE WAS DOING RIGHT THAT VERY MOMENT...
LET'S SEE... PENCILS...NOTEBOOK ...RULER...HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
MY OH SO BRAVE HEDGEHOG... I'VE BEEN SO OVERWHELMED WITH FAMILY AFFAIRS THESE PAST WEEKS THAT--
PRINCESS, THE KING AND QUEEN HAVE REQUESTED YOUR PRESENCE ON THE NORTH BALCONY.
OH! T-THANK YOU, GEOFFREY...
IT WAS A WISE DECISION TO TURN KNOT-HOLE INTO A PERMANENT HABITAT, ELIAS-- LOOK AT HOW BEAUTIFUL IT LOOKS.
LET THAT NASTY ROBOTNIK KEEP HIS AWFUL CITY TO HIMSELF! COME, SALLY...
...JOIN US.
...AND IF SHE WAS HAPPY DOIN' IT.


BUT, I HAD TO BE HONEST...
...I WAS ALSO THINKIN' ABOUT THOSE OVER-LANDERS WHO'D GONE TO ROBOTROPOLIS.
OBEY
THE TIME IS NOW 8:45 PM--THREE THOUSAND SECONDS TO CURFEW.
FIRST, HE'D TRICKED THEM INTO GOING THERE.
WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'D DO NEXT?

WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, YOU COULD NEVER BE SURE...

JULIAN? JULIAN!

YOU'VE BEEN IN HERE THE PAST SIX WEEKS -- WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU CAN'T SPEND TIME WITH RELATIVES?

:GROAN:- YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, COLIN! HOW DAFFY OF ME!

LET'S AWAY FROM THIS STUFFY OLD LAB, BRO! YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW AND STEPDAUGHTER ARE WAITING!

MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE!

JULIAN, ARE THOSE ROBOTS NECESSARY INSIDE THE CITY? COULDN'T THEY GUARD THE OUTER PERIMETER?

:AHEM:- WHY CERTAINLY, LADY AGNUS, BUT THEN THE FURRIES MIGHT GET IN!

WASN'T THIS *THEIR* CITY?

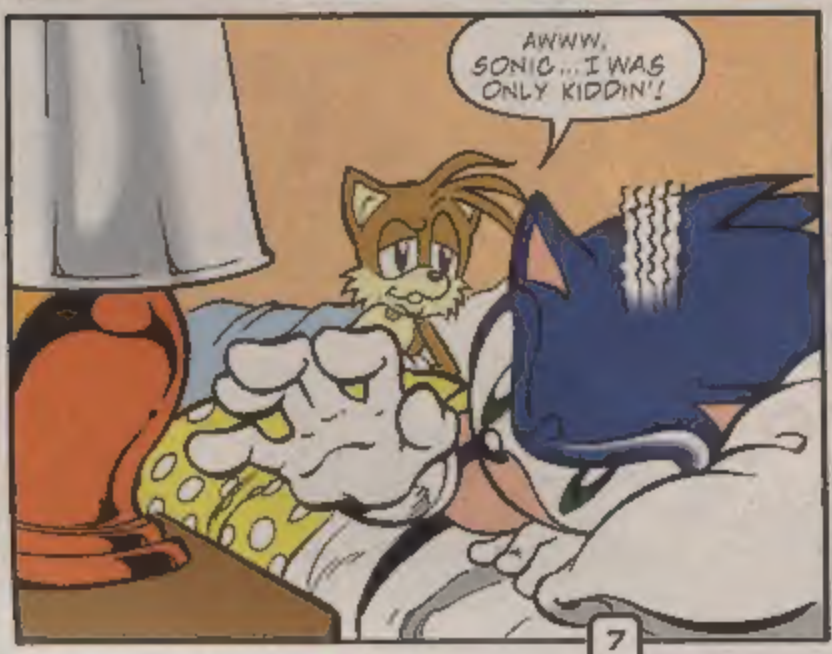
JULIAN, YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...
WELL, I ER...
AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, I SENTENCED YOU TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON. I WAS OBVIOUSLY IN ERROR-- YOU'RE A DIFFERENT PERSON.
UH...YES. BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, COLIN? WHY WERE YOU IN OUTER SPACE?
AFTER LOSING THE WAR TO THE FURBALLS, OUR PEOPLE WANTED SOMETHING NEW...
UH, HELLOOOO! SEE-KAY! I'M OVER HERE!
SORRY, I WAS JUST REMEMBERING THE DAY WE BLASTED OFF...
WHATEVER...
ALERT! ALERT! CURFEW WAS BROKEN!
SNIVELY!

THAT NIGHT, ME 'N TAILS COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK.
PRE-SCHOOL JITTERS, I GUESS...

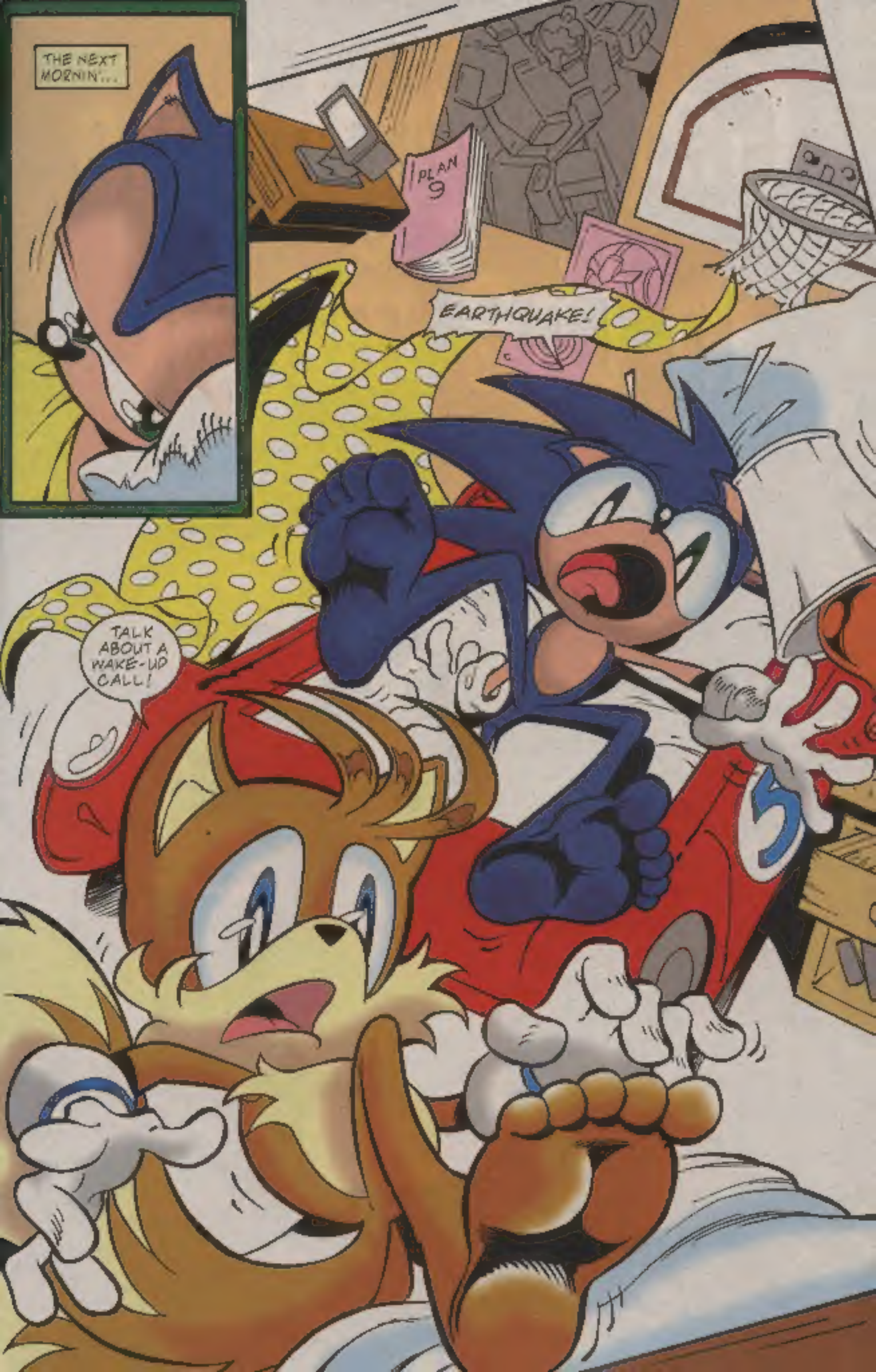
SONIC, ARE YOU AND SALLY GONNA GET MARRIED SOMEDAY?

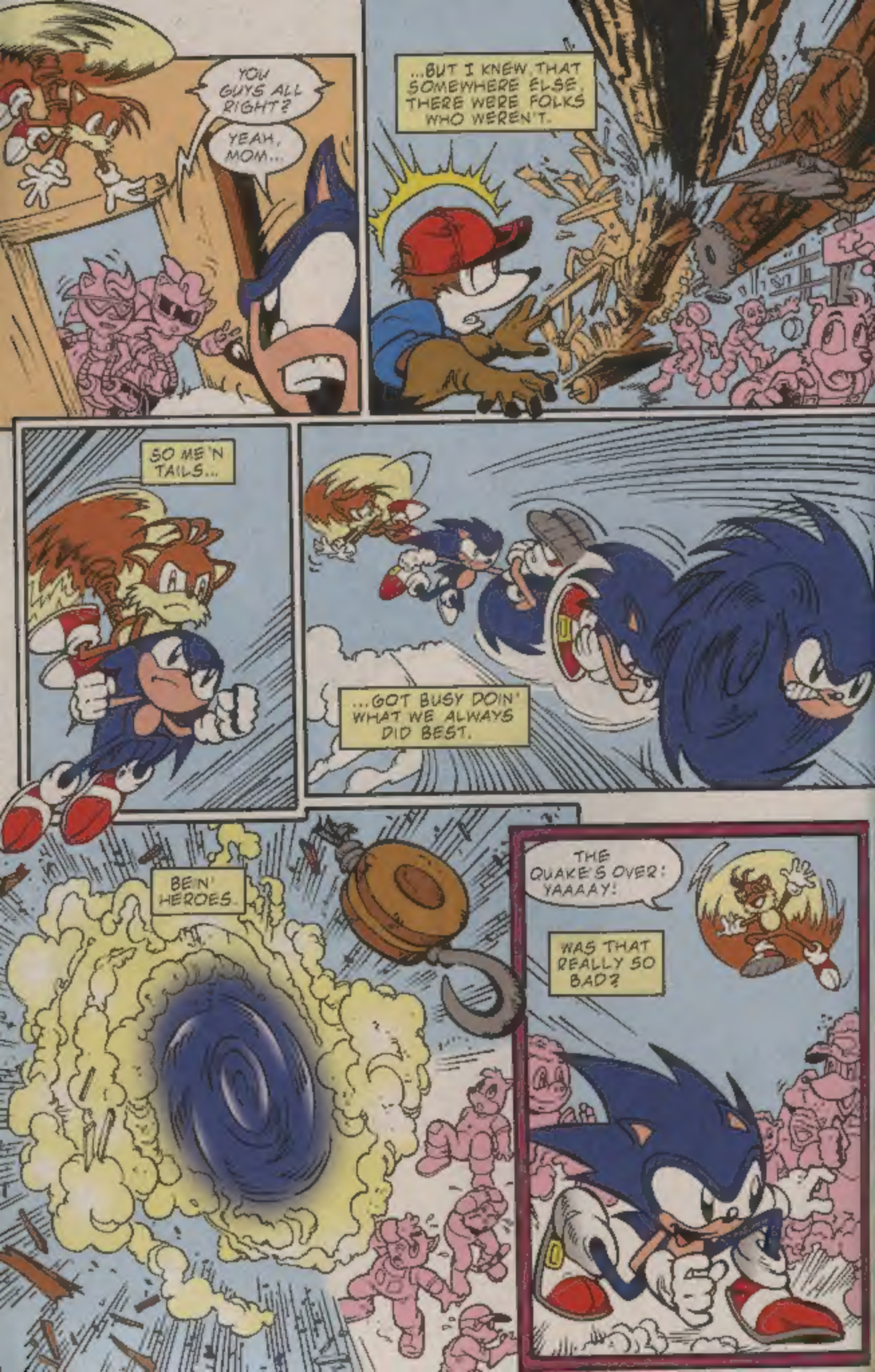
HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT. 'SIDES, WE'RE WAAAAY TOO YOUNG TO TIE THE KNOT... AND SHE PROBABLY HATES ME ANYWAY...

NO WAY! THE PRINCESS LOOOOOVES YOU!

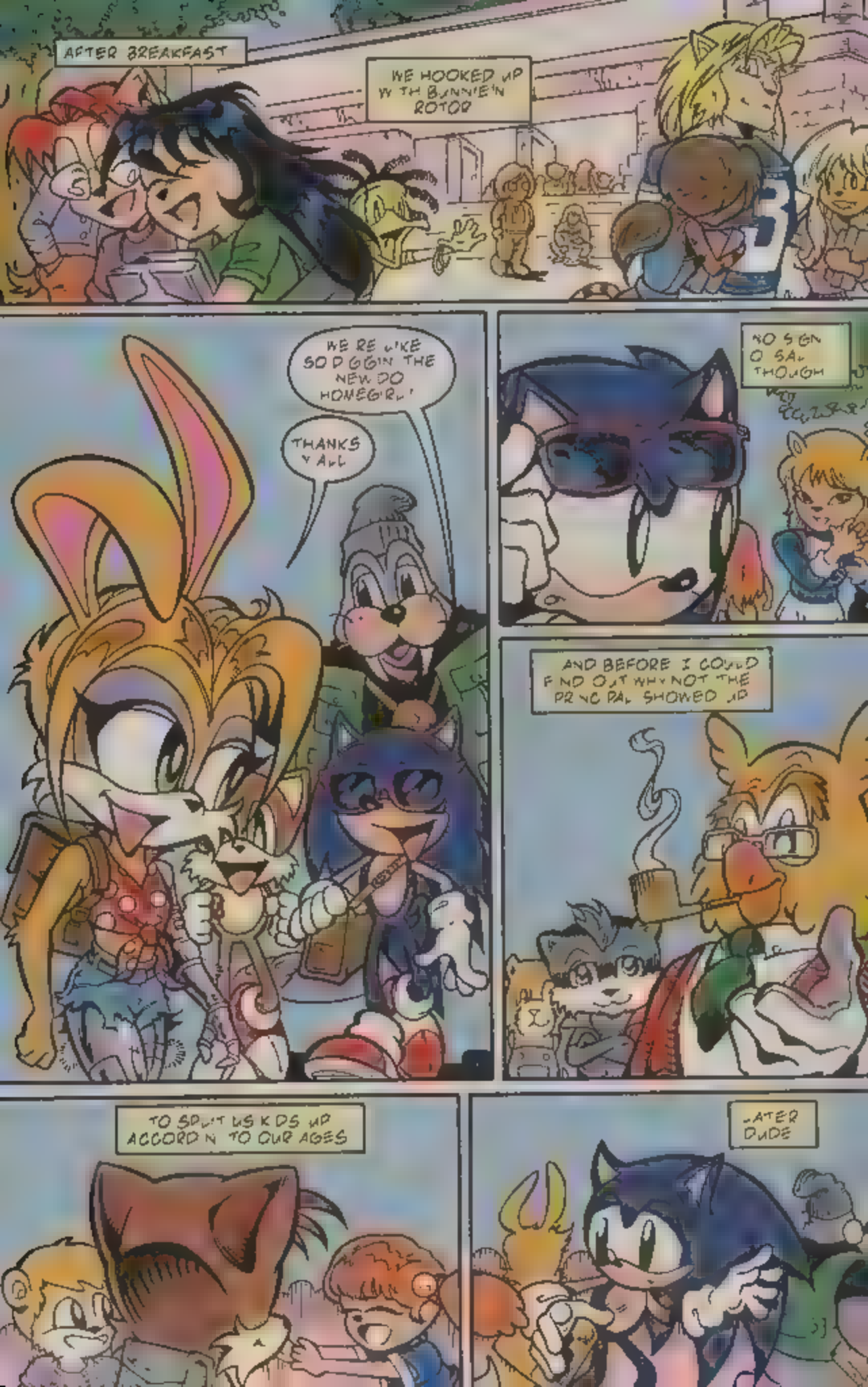

AWWW, SONIC... I WAS ONLY KIDDIN'!

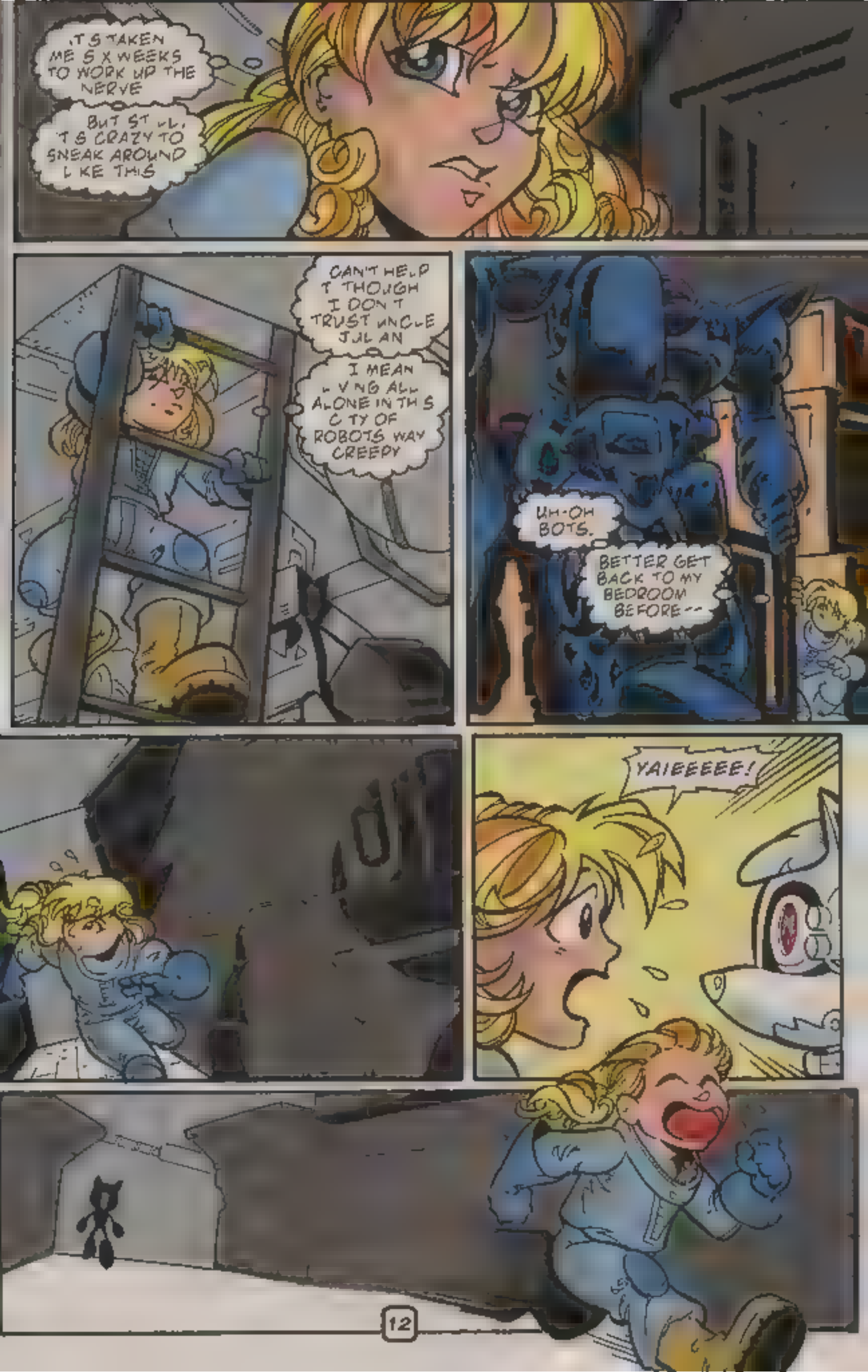
G'NIGHT, BUD.


THE NEXT MORNIN'...
PLAN 9
EARTHQUAKE!
TALK ABOUT A WAKE-UP CALL!

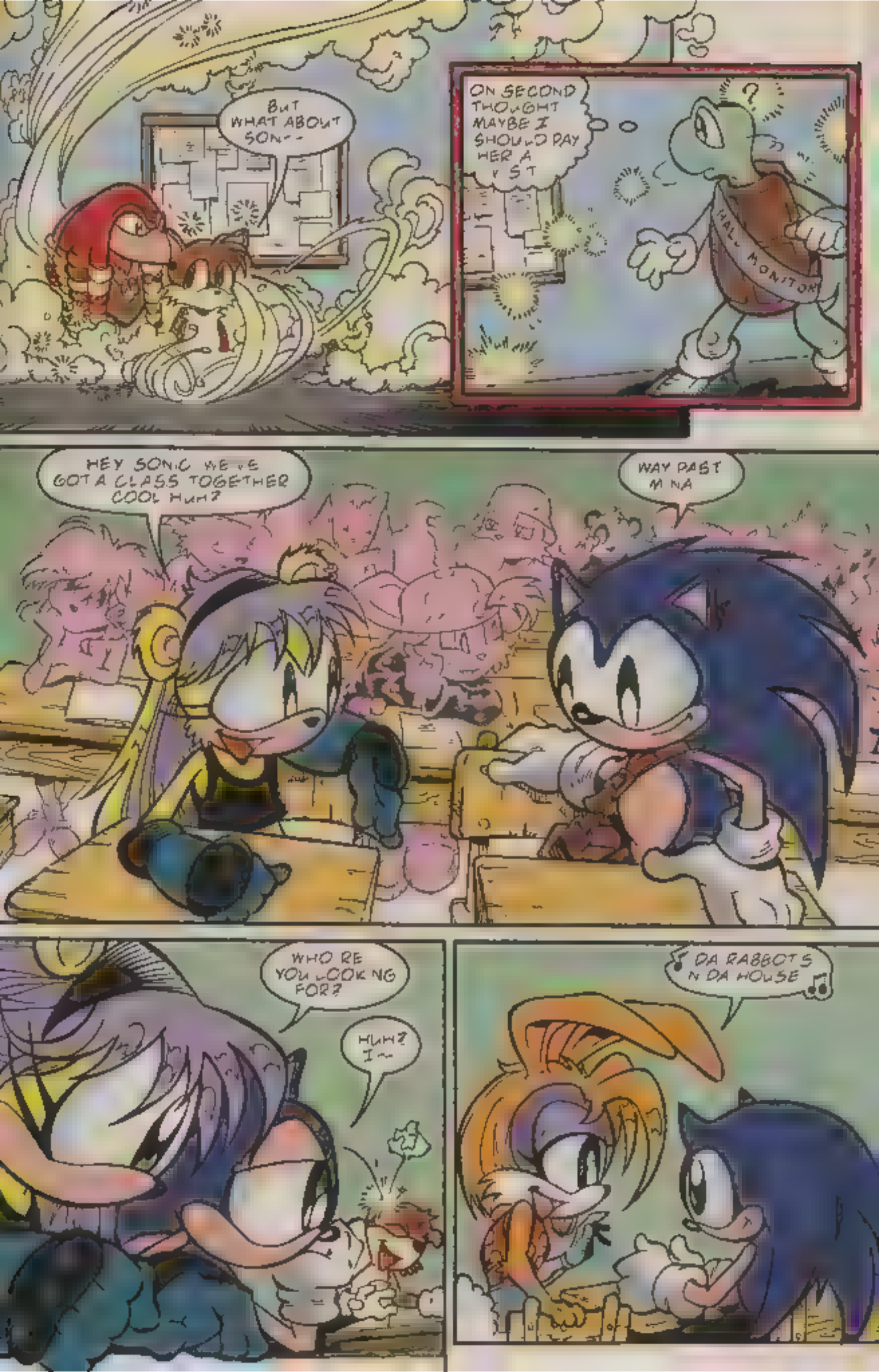

YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, MOM...
...BUT I KNEW THAT SOMEWHERE ELSE, THERE WERE FOLKS WHO WEREN'T.
SO ME 'N TAILS...
...GOT BUSY DOIN' WHAT WE ALWAYS DID BEST.
BE'N' HEROES.
THE QUAKE'S OVER! YAAAAY!
WAS THAT REALLY SO BAD?

ON YOUR FEET YOU!
OH NO I THOUGHT IT WAS A TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE--PLEASE DON'T ROBOTICIZE ME.
SO LONG AS YOU SWEAR ALLEGIANCE AND DON'T RAT ME OUT TO THESE OVERLANDERS I WON'T YOUR REWARD?
I GUARANTEE REVENGE UPON THE FATHER WHO COULD NEVER APPRECIATE YOUR INTELLECT WHAT D YOU SAY?


AFTER BREAKFAST
WE HOOKED UP WITH BUNNIE'N ROTOR
WE RE LIKE SO DOGGIN THE NEW DO HONEY GIRL!
THANKS Y ALL
NO SIGN O SAL THOUGH
AND BEFORE I COULD FIND OUT WHY NOT THE PRINCIPAL SHOWED UP
TO SPLIT US KIDS UP ACCORDIN TO OUR AGES
LATER DUDE


IT'S TAKEN ME SIX WEEKS TO WORK UP THE NERVE
BUT STILL, IT'S CRAZY TO SNEAK AROUND LIKE THIS
CAN'T HELP IT THOUGH I DON'T TRUST UNCLE JULIAN
I MEAN LIVING ALL ALONE IN THIS CITY OF ROBOTS WAY CREEPY
UH-OH BOTS.
BETTER GET BACK TO MY BEDROOM BEFORE--
YAIEEEEE!

HEY YOU'RE SONIC'S DEX CK TAILS RIGHT? I'M CODY
PLEASED TO MEET YA CODY
AH-OH WHERE'S MY BOOKBAG?
GOTTA FIND IT FAST
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE
I'VE RETRACED MY FOOTSTEPS EXACTLY AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF--
ATHAR'? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
YOU SEEN MY BOOKBAG?
NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS "CHOSEN ONE" YOU ARE NEEDED
WHO'S THAT KID TALKING TO? I'D BETTER GET HIM TO CLASS
OR TO THE NURSE


BUT WHAT ABOUT SON--
ON SECOND THOUGHT MAYBE I SHOULD PAY HER A VISIT
HALL MONITOR
HEY SONIC WE'VE GOT A CLASS TOGETHER COOL HUH?
WAY PAST MINA
WHO RE YOU LOOKING FOR?
HUH? I--
DA RABBOTS IN DA HOUSE

BUNNIE YOU KNOW MINA
HOWDY
ALLRIGHT CLASS SETTLE DOWN PLEASE
IMMISTER MORGAN
YOUR PHYSICS TEACHER
I TOLD MYSELF THAT THIS COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE HAPPENING BUT IT WAS
SLOWLY VERY SLOWLY
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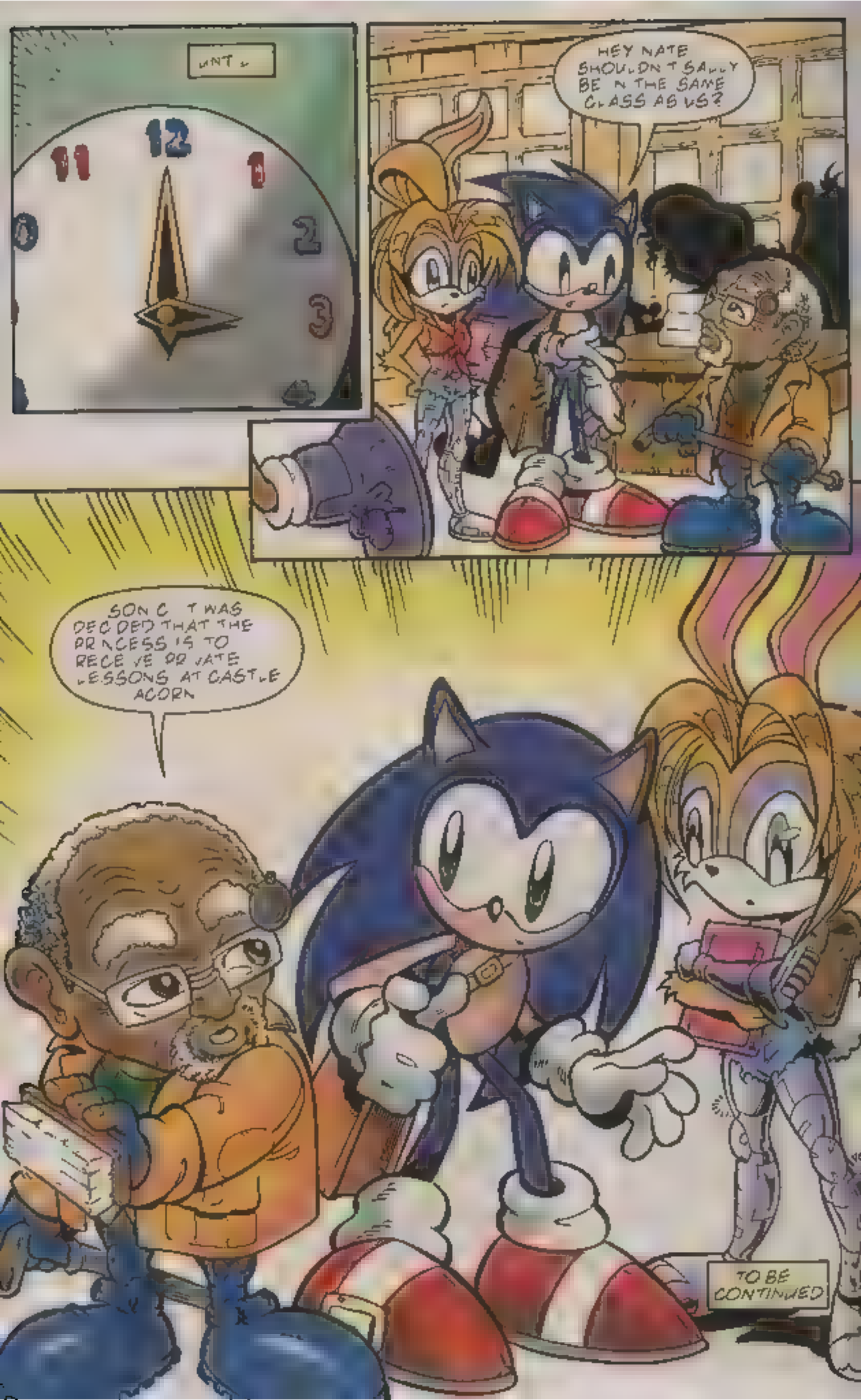
HEY NATE SHOULDN'T SALLY BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS US?
SONIC IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE PRINCESS IS TO RECEIVE PRIVATE LESSONS AT CASTLE ACORN
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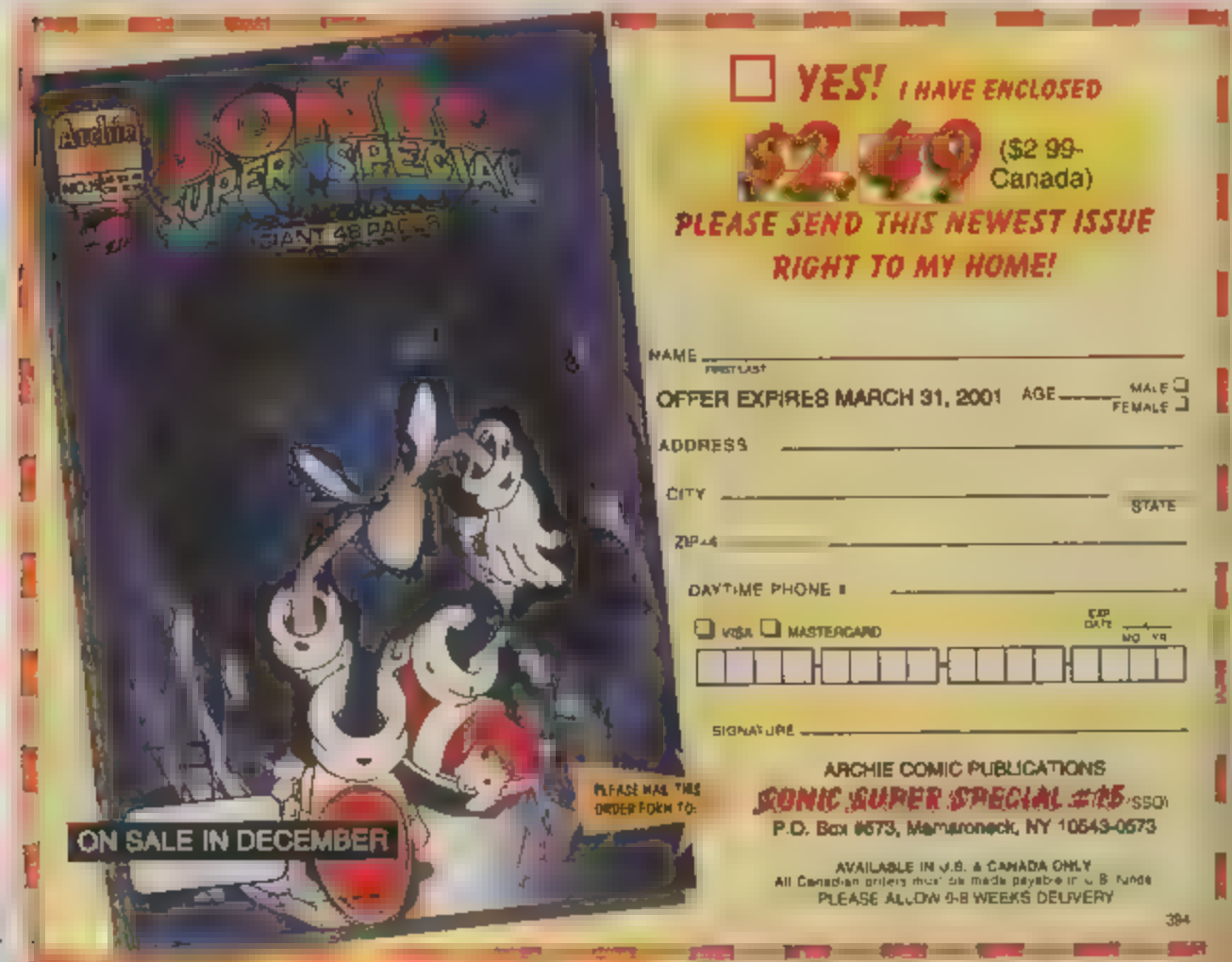

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HAVING BEEN RECRUITED BY THE ECHIDNA HIGH COUNCIL ON ALBION TO TRACK DOWN AND BRING BACK... KNUCKLES

NIC THE WEASEL IS SOMEWHAT NONPLUSSED WHEN HER BROTHER TURNS UP EMPTY-HANDED AFTER SHE WITNESSED KNUCKLES FORCED TO SURRENDER WHEN HIS FRIEND CHARMY BEE AND LOVELY FIANCEE SAFRON WHO WERE THREATENED WITH SERIOUS BODILY HARM? DEPART THE SCENE WITH NACK ONLY MINUTES AGO.

WHOA!

DON'T TELL ME THE ECHIDNA GAVE YOU THE SLIP!

ON THE CONTRARY--I MADE AN EARLY DELIVERY!

GUESS OUR EMPLOYERS COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL WE RETURNED!

WE EVEN GOT A NICE-SIZED BONUS FOR OUR TROUBLE!

WE DID?

THE BEST LAID PLANS...

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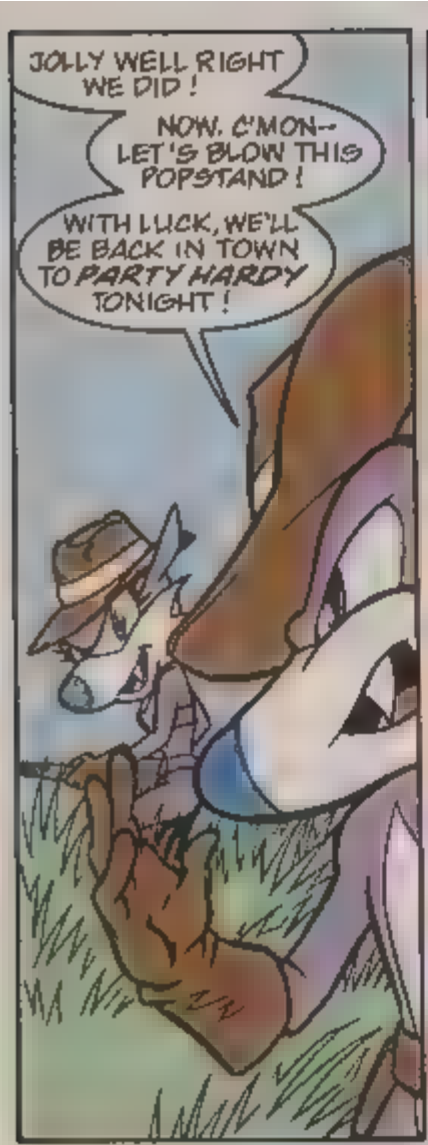
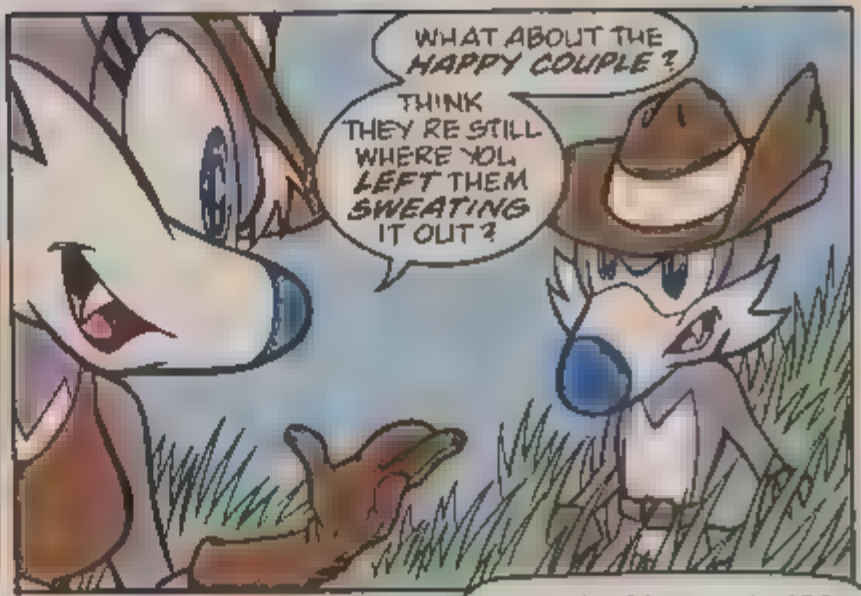
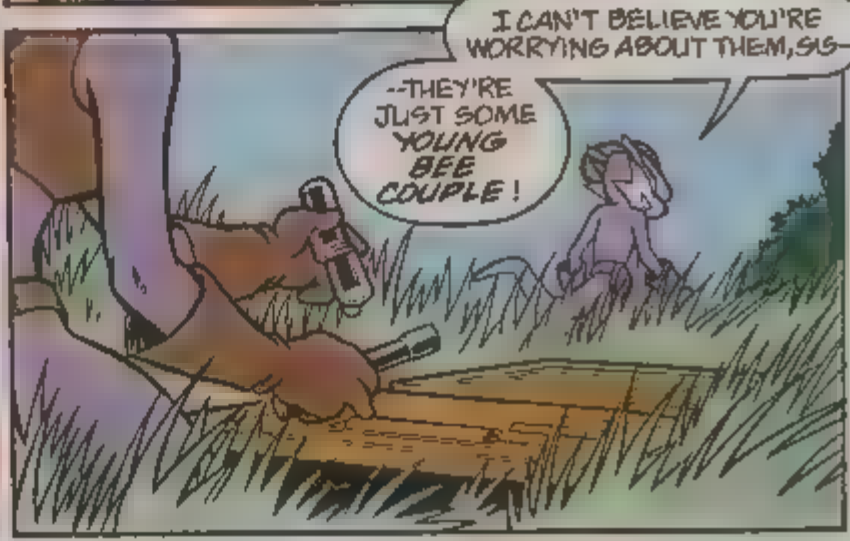
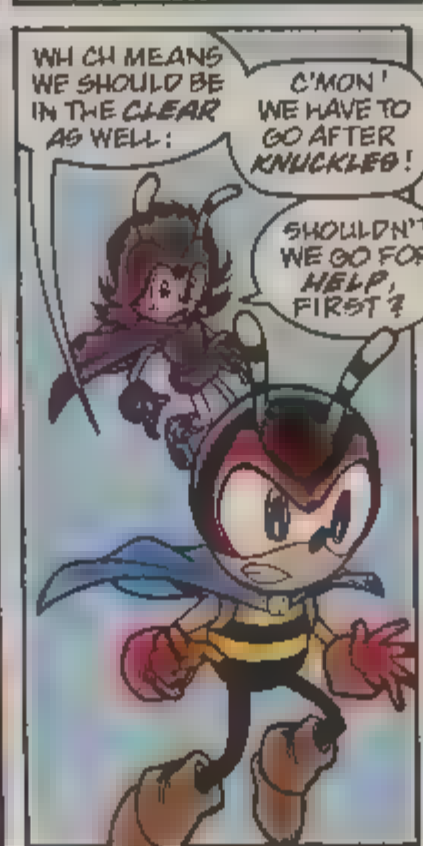
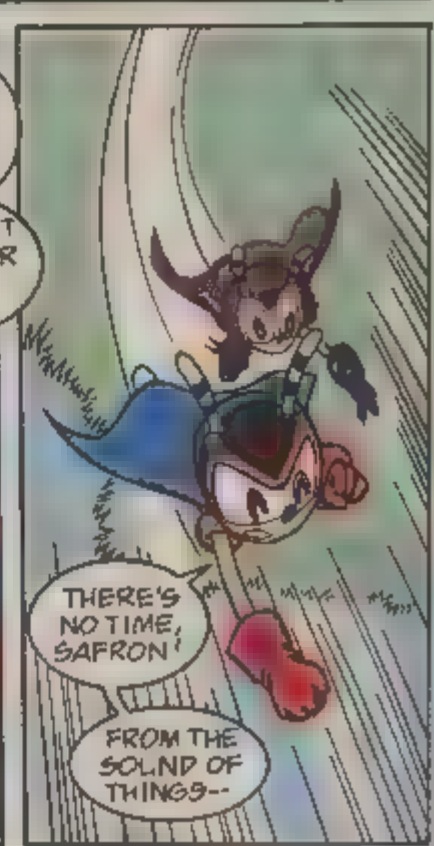

JOLLY WELL RIGHT WE DID!
NOW, C'MON-- LET'S BLOW THIS POPSTAND!
WITH LUCK, WE'LL BE BACK IN TOWN TO PARTY HARDY TONIGHT!


WHAT ABOUT THE HAPPY COUPLE?
THINK THEY'RE STILL WHERE YOU LEFT THEM SWEATING IT OUT?


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT THEM, SIS--
--THEY'RE JUST SOME YOUNG BEE COUPLE!

"WHAT HARM COULD THEY DO?"
WELL? DO YOU SEE THEM?
I DON'T SEE--HEAR-- OR EVEN SMELL--ANY SIGN OF THE WEASEL OR KNUCKLES!


WHICH MEANS WE SHOULD BE IN THE CLEAR AS WELL:
C'MON! WE HAVE TO GO AFTER KNUCKLES!
SHOULDN'T WE GO FOR HELP, FIRST?


THERE'S NO TIME, SAFRON!
FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS--

"--IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE WE'VE A MOMENT TO SPARE!"

AS MUCH AS I WISH WE COULD AVOID ALL THIS UNPLEASANTNESS, KNUCKLES, THE FACT REMAINS--

--YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED ABILITIES POSSIBLY SURPASSING THOSE OF DIMITRI HIMSELF!

THAT BEING THE CASE--

--IT'S UP TO US TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO NULLIFY THAT THREAT--

--INCLUDING RESORTING TO THE USE OF A CHAOS SYPHON ITSELF!

THE UPDATED SET-UP IS JACKED IN AND GOOD TO GO!

THE ONLY X-FACTOR IS HOW WELL KNUCKLES WILL HOLD UP THROUGH THE PROCESS!

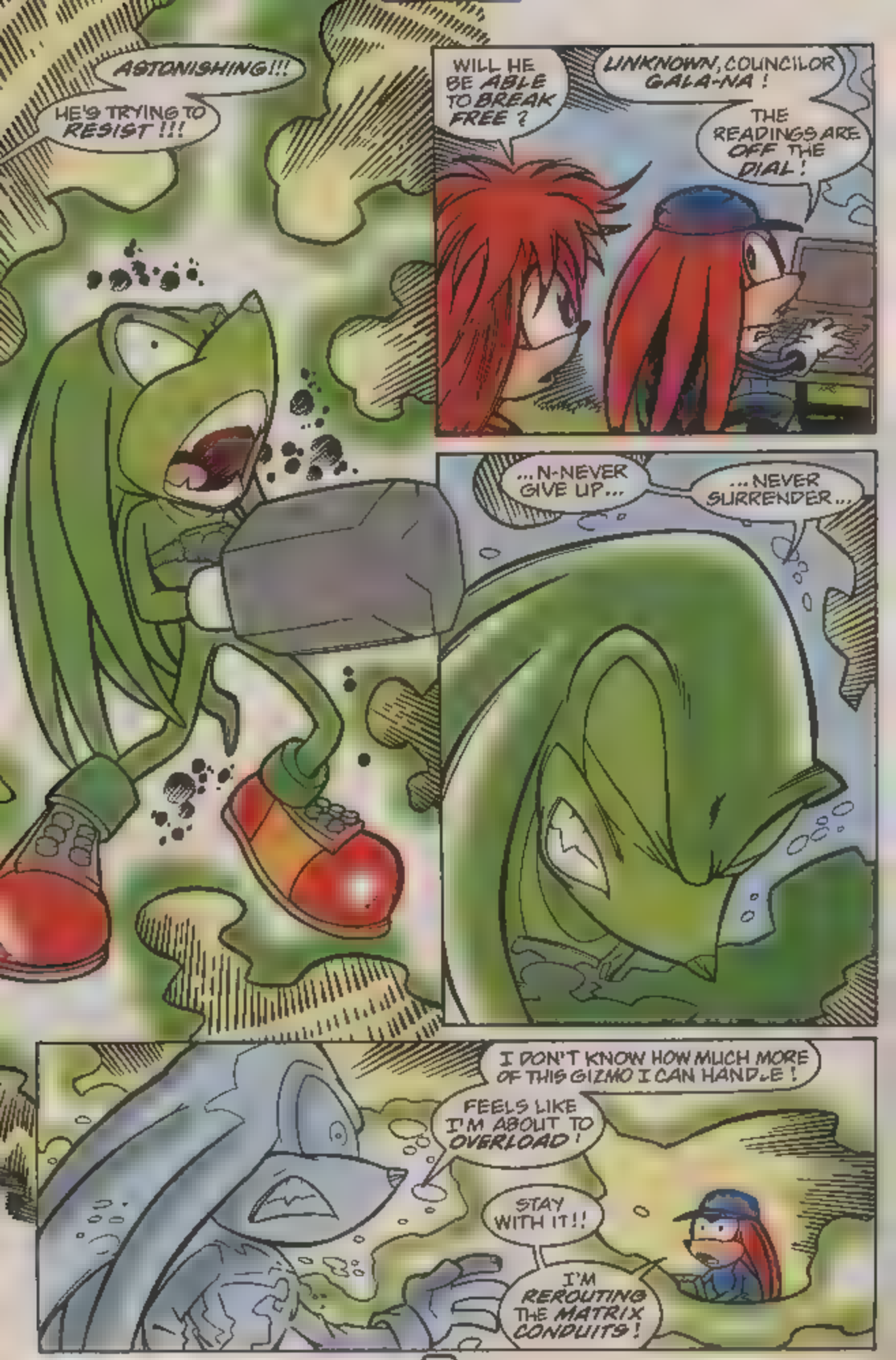
WITH HIS POWER INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER!

ACTIVATE THE SYPHON!

SYPHON ACTIVATED!

INCREASING THE RATE OF ABSORBTION!

AAARRGHH!!


ASTONISHING!!!
HE'S TRYING TO RESIST !!!
WILL HE BE ABLE TO BREAK FREE ?
UNKNOWN, COUNCILOR GALA-NA !
THE READINGS ARE OFF THE DIAL !
...N-NEVER GIVE UP...
...NEVER SURRENDER...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS GIZMO I CAN HANDLE !
FEELS LIKE I'M ABOUT TO OVERLOAD !
STAY WITH IT !!
I'M REROUTING THE MATRIX CONDUITS !

"ALL I NEED IS ANOTHER MINUTE OR TWO."

I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF THE WEASEL OR YOUR FRIEND!

DOWN BELOW! THERE'S A GROUP OF 'EM!

IT'S KNUCKLES!

AND HIS OWN GUYS ARE PUTTING HIM IN A WORLD OF HURT!

...ENOUGH ALREADY...

MY MOST SINCEREST APOLOGIES, MY YOUNG FRIEND--

--BUT THE DANGER IS TOO GREAT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH YOU.

WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, SAF!

LIKE WHAT? YOU HAVE A PLAN?

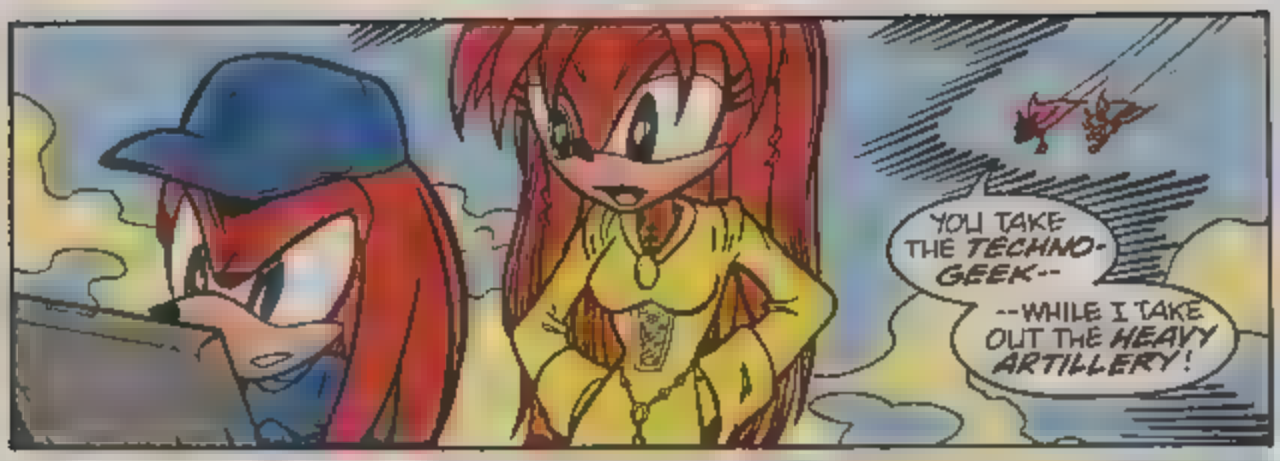
SEE THOSE TWO DOWN THERE?

I'M BETTING IF WE TAKE THOSE GUYS OUT--

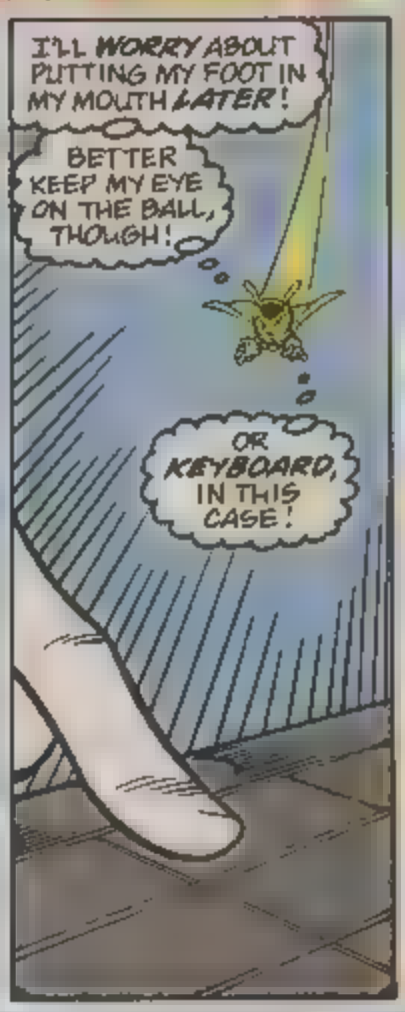
--THAT JUST MIGHT GIVE KNUCKLES A BREAK!

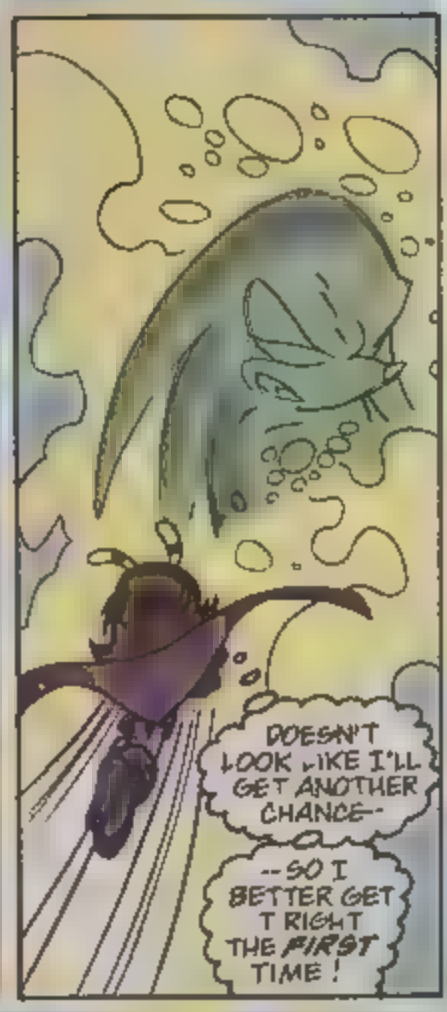
I'M WITH YOU, HONEY BEE!

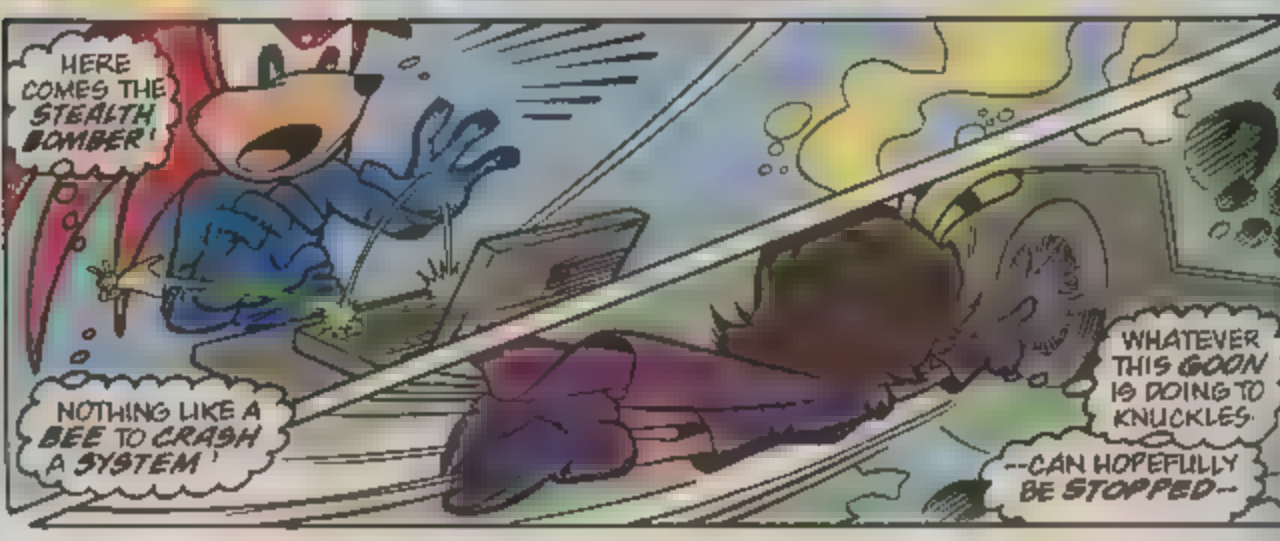
LET'S SHOW 'EM OUR STING!


YOU TAKE THE TECHNO-GEEK--
--WHILE I TAKE OUT THE HEAVY ARTILLERY!

JUST BECAUSE I'M A GIRL--
--DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T HANDLE THE TOUGH JOBS!
SAF, I DIDN'T MEAN--


I'LL WORRY ABOUT PUTTING MY FOOT IN MY MOUTH LATER!
BETTER KEEP MY EYE ON THE BALL, THOUGH!
OR KEYBOARD, IN THIS CASE!


DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE--
--SO I BETTER GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!


HERE COMES THE STEALTH BOMBER!
NOTHING LIKE A BEE TO CRASH A SYSTEM!
WHATEVER THIS GOON IS DOING TO KNUCKLES
--CAN HOPEFULLY BE STOPPED--

"--WITH BUT THE TURN OF A DIAL!"
SOMETHING'S WRONG!
THE FLOW IS REVERSING!!
THE CONNECTION IS BROKEN!
ALL BECAUSE OF SOME LOUSY INSECT!
GET RID OF IT!!!
IF ANYONE'S GOING DOWN--
--IT'S YOU GUYS!
..whoa..
What wall did I slam into?
Charmy... you okay?
I THINK SO! NOW WHERE'S--
KNUCKLES?!
I-IS THAT YOU?

I'M NOT SURE!
IT'S LIKE SOMEONE FLIPPED A SWITCH --
-- AND NOW EVERYTHING'S--
- DIFFERENT.
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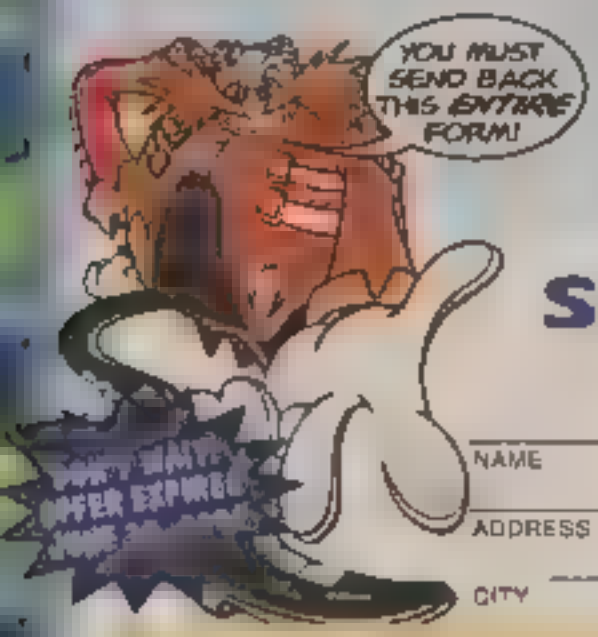

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I figured I'd do something different this month. I loved the cover for this issue so much, with all its tiny little details (especially in the background), that I began to study it. That Spaz, does he ever get any sleep? Anyway, we took some "liberties" with it and made a couple of changes. Can you find out what's different between the cover and the copy of it below? Just to make it more challenging, we left it in black and white. Good luck! The strip we all look forward to will return next month. So without further ado, it's all yours...

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1. Orange on the
2. Sonic's ears are looking at the reader
3. Robo's eyes
4. This button bar "VOID" character from Sonic shuffle is
5. Sonic scooter has tassles on it
6. Mina's mouth is closed and smile is wider

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Thanks for understanding!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

#95

Next issue:

Well, it looks like Sonic's freedom fighting days are over, and it's time for him to follow all the rules while curbing his rebellious teenage ways— NOT! At least not while a crazed, vengeance-seeking Rodos rampages his way through the Great Forest! Don't miss "Enemy Mine," written by Karl Bollers, penciled by FRY, and inked by Jim Amash! And, as an added bonus, we've got an all-new KNUCKLES tale, written by Ken Penders, penciled by Ron Lim, with inks by Pam Eklund. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #95 is on sale in March of 2001! Ladies and gentlemen, we proudly present Sonic-Grams:

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I just finished reading SONIC #84 and I loved it. I have collected thirty SONIC comics, twenty-seven KNUCKLES comics, the three-issue TAILS series, and ten SONIC SUPER SPECIALS. I also have SONIC AND KNUCKLES: MECHA MADNESS, SONIC AND KNUCKLES, and SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES. Seventy-four comics in all. I think that they are all way past cool. I have Sega Dreamcast's SONIC ADVENTURE and both of the PLAYER'S GUIDES, the SONIC POCKET ADVENTURE seven SONIC figures, the SONIC movie, a SONIC book, and three folders full of SONIC stuff. Oh, yeah... I also enjoy the ice cream. Wait! I also have two handheld SONIC games. I can't wait until I have issue #100. It's going to be great!
Michael Tsagaris, San José, CA

So you're a casual fan of SONIC, huh, Michael?

Dear Sonic-Grams,
You guys did an excellent job on the SONIC ADVENTURE adaptation, but I am greatly disappointed about the cancellation of the KNUCKLES monthly comic. Anyway, I have a few questions: 1) How did Nate Morgan reprogram Silver Sonic 2 to fight Robotnik in issue #85 when he was with Sonic and the gang the whole time? 2) Does Tails have a super form? 3) Didn't Robotnik die in SONIC 50 (The Director's Cut)? 4) What ever happened to Isis Naugus? That's all for now. Gotta juice, dude!
Alex Blasius, Fort MacMurray, CANADA

Hope you're getting your Knuckles fix in the form of our monthly back-up, Alex! As to your questions: 1) Nate reprogrammed SS 2 after Sonic buzzed its robotic head off. 2) If Tails has a super form, we have yet to see it! 3) It would seem that he did. However, this new Robotnik is actually RoboRobotnik— an alternate reality version of the original Doc. 4) If you happened to get hold of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #15, you saw the return of Isis. Sonic sure did!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
You guys are doing a great job on your comic. I just finished SONIC #85. I loved it! I never put it down! The cover art was sooo cool! I liked the way your artists drew Silver Sonic 2. On to the questions: 1) Does the SONIC UNDERGROUND Sonic transform into Super Sonic, Solar Sonic, Ultra Sonic, or Polar Sonic? 2) Is Ultra Sonic Sonic's natural form? 3) Okay, so Sonic's eyes are green and Super Sonic's are red, but what color are Solar Sonic's? 4) When are we going to see the other Sonic, and if we do, can it be Solar Sonic?
Jesus "Jesse" Avenetti, (age 11), Kearny, AZ

1) If he absorbed the power of a super emerald, maybe he could possibly transform into those versions, "Jesse." 2) Ultra Sonic isn't Sonic's natural form, his regular form is. 3) Solar Sonic's eyes are blue. 4) You'll have to wait and see if Sonic transforms into his other versions.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I just wanted to say that the SONIC ADVENTURE storyline was great. I can't wait to see what the gang is going to do next. A few questions if I may: 1) Are we ever going to see the other freedom fighter groups like the Wolfpack, the Downunda freedom fighters, or the Arctic freedom fighters from issues #26, #31-32? 2) Will Knuckles ever get his series back? 3) Are Amy and Nate Morgan freedom fighters now? 4) Will we be seeing more Mina?
Yal Ortiz, (age 15), Newark, NJ

1) Hope you caught a glimpse of the Arctic freedom fighters in SONIC #85, Yal! 2) Maybe someday. 3) Amy and Nate aren't official freedom fighters, they just help out from time to time. 4) Expect much more Mina.

Dear Sonic and Knuckles,
I am your biggest fan and know everything about you guys. I've been collecting SONIC since issue #46 and have played all of your games. Anyway, the SONIC ADVENTURE adaptation was a blast. Will Chaos make another appearance? Will Amy keep her flashy, new look? Speaking of Amy, I think she and Tails would make a pretty good couple. I don't know if Tails would agree with me (because of his age and all). I think RoboRobotnik and Robotnik should have a showdown. And don't take this the wrong way, but I think issue #85 was kinda cheesy. Not that it was a bad idea, but Silver Sonic and Sonic should've fought a little more instead of one triple sonic spin and BOOM—Silver Sonic is down and we probably won't see him again! Well, good luck with your comic, and think about it-Tails and Amy...
Jack Stone, Hutchinson, MN

We don't think we'll be seeing Silver Sonic 2 anymore, Jack, but Amy will definitely keep her new look! Tails and Amy...a couple? Who knows what the future will bring, but if we were you, we'd keep an eye on upcoming issues!

Dear Sonic,
I really like the SONIC UNDERGROUND cartoon and the comic. I think there should be a Super Special that features only the boy freedom fighters— no girls. I think you should have a new member who could be your long-lost sister. Her name should be Becky. She could be on the show and play a saxophone or some other instrument. Is Knuckles on your side? Thanks for listening to my suggestions. Keep rockin' on, Sonic!
Amy Elizabeth Erickson, Port au Port, CANADA

Sorry, Amy, but there won't be any more Super Specials in the foreseeable future, so the all-boy issue isn't too likely. Becky the hedgehog, Sonic's long-lost saxophone-playing sis? We make it an official rule not to create characters based on fan suggestions because we'd feel obligated to do the same for every fan who sent us a great idea for a character. And believe us, there are a lot of you out there!

Thanks to everyone who wrote in this time around (you know who you are). See ya next month when we review our latest batch of mail.

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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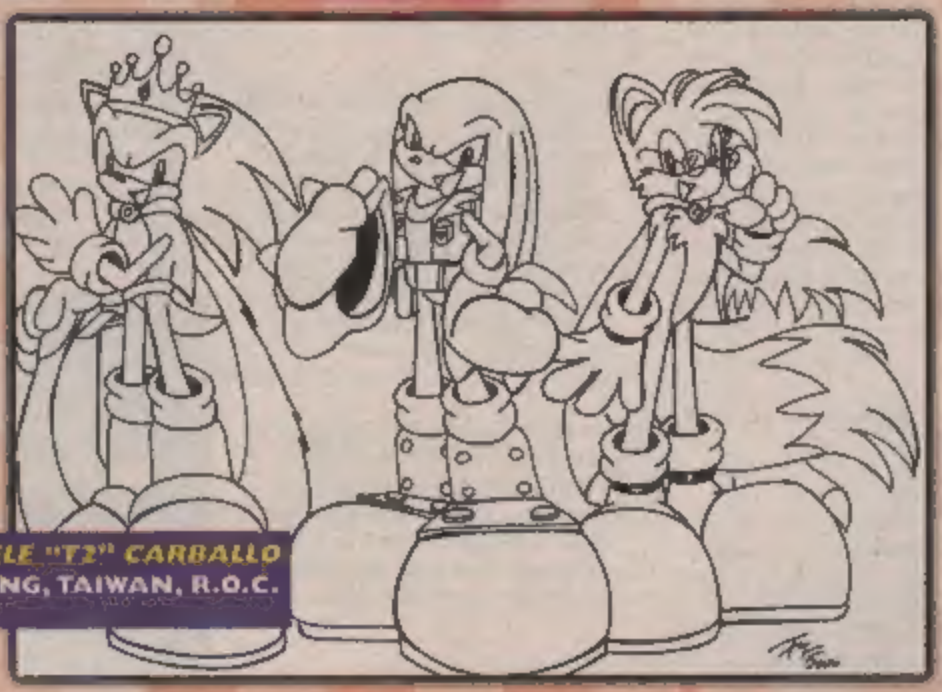

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